



# PARK BELL

ST. MARY'S PARK IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Greetings Friends & Neighbors! ¡Bienvenidos! Mabuhay! Bon Giorno! 您好

June, 1998

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, if you weren't there at our last meeting, you missed a great potluck dinner. The food was excellent, with an impromptu enchilada-making contest between Marlo Contreras and Erik Poole. The winners were all of us who got to eat both kinds! The business meeting was very brief. Officer Robert Kaposch, our new liaison to the Ingleside Station came and introduced himself. Also, Officer Oscar Carcelen, head of the Graffiti Abatement program for our area spoke. Supervisor Jose Medina spoke during dessert. It was a fun and busy night.

Congratulations go out to everyone in the Park who has paid their dues this year. Nearly 200 households have paid and are active members of the Club, the highest participation we've had in 3 years! If you are one of the remaining 100 who hasn't paid because it's slipped your mind, please send your \$20 to SMPIC, 2966 Diamond St., #121, SF 94131. Thanks, folks, your money helps us do a lot of good.

On a more somber note, I would like to publicly acknowledge an inadvertent error in last month's Park Bell. Bobby Phipps, a neighbor and Mel Haney's partner of 37 years, died after a 5-year battle with leukemia. I want to make clear that when we offered our condolences to Bobby's family, we were most definitely including Mel as the primary member of that family. To have a partner for so long is a wonderful thing, something my partner and I aspire to. We offer Mel our deepest condolences at his loss.



*Jonna Ramey*

## Possible New Liquor License in Area

Some neighbors in the Park recently received notice of an intention to sell liquor at Everest's, the new convenience store that has opened at 4004 Mission Street, next to the Laundromat and across from Kentucky Fried Chicken. Since the store is advertising that they also sell pagers and reconditioned electronics, there is concern that teenagers who will frequent the store may try and buy liquor. If you believe that there are enough stores selling liquor near St. Mary's Park, please let the State Dept. of Alcohol Beverage Control know by challenging this license. Write the ABC at their San Francisco District Office, 185 Berry Street, Suite 5600, San Francisco CA 94107, or call them at 415-557-3660.



## NEXT MEETING JUNE 9TH @ 7:30 PM

The Club's next meeting will be Tuesday June 9th at the Rec. Center. Jonna Ramey will give us an update on the status of the dog park proposed for the lowest tier. Marianne Bertuccelli, supervisor of the Rec. & Park gardeners will speak. Also, neighbor Rae Shasky will give a brief presentation about Longaberger Baskets. One of her baskets will be given away in the evening's raffle. Refreshments will be served. Sounds like fun. All neighbors welcome. See you there.

## President's Garden Awards

This is a good month for gardeners. 410 Justin gets my favorite Garden of the Month award. The lavender and baby agapanthus are pretty. It's a good drought tolerant yard that is doing very well in all this rain.

There are pretty flowers everywhere. 235 Genebern has some wonderful pansies in bloom, 430 College has lots of cute annuals. 512 College has a colorful patch of bachelor buttons and Icelandic poppies. 506 College has wonderful collections of roses, iris and day lilies. 360 Justin has 4 succulent plantings that are currently in bloom with orange flowers. 75 Justin has great color with cosmos and Mexican sage. And 45 Agnon has a stunning fuchsia bush in bloom. And, the new fence at 90 Justin looks great.

Roses and geraniums are in spectacular bloom all over the Park! Here are homes that have some wonderful beauties: 132 Justin, 112 Justin, 340 Justin, 319 Justin, 330 Justin, 212 Justin, 135 Justin, 115 Justin, 256 Benton, 245 Genebern, 439 Justin, 400 Justin, 415 Justin, 524 college, 530 College, 525 College, 440 Justin, 390 Justin, 206 Justin, 201 Justin, 200 Justin, 120 Justin, 230 Benton, 145 Benton. It's worth getting out and viewing your neighbors' handiwork!

Finally, I've noticed that the winds are bringing a lot of trash into the neighborhood lately. Please take a moment everyday to look around your block and pick up a wayward can, cup or newspaper. The whole neighborhood benefits from your effort.

## New Flag & Flag Raisers

There's a new flag flying over St. Mary's Park! Thanks to neighbor Neil Rhoads, we have 2 new St. Mary's Park flags. The overall design is the same as the original created by Herb Smith many years ago, but the words "St. Mary's Park" have been added in an arc over the bell. The effect is wonderful and the work impressive. In addition, you might see Will Aspelin, age 7, and his father John raising the flags on a Saturday or Sunday morning. Give 'em a honk or a wave as you drive by. They're doing a good job for our neighborhood.



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## ST. MARY'S PARK CRIME WATCH

The Ingleside Police Station provided the following information about crimes reported in St. Mary's Park and the surrounding area.

Type of Crime	5/97	5/98
Rape	0	1
Robbery	1	2
Assault	5	3
Burglary	2	0
Theft	4	4
Auto	7	7
Other	52	22
Total	71	39

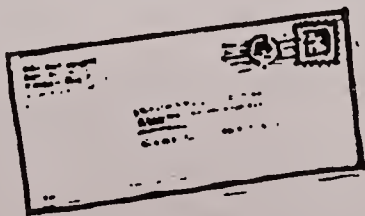
During May, only three reported incidents occurred in St. Mary's Park itself. A petty theft from a locked car occurred in the 100 block of Genebern and around Murry/Bosworth Streets. An automobile was stolen from the 400 block of Justin. The other crimes reported to the Police occurred primarily on Ellsworth and Alemany Streets and primarily involved drug and auto-related offenses. The rape occurred in the 4000 block of Mission. Women(primarily) beware!

Park residents are strongly encouraged to report ALL suspicious activity to the Police. We all can help to keep the Park safe by making sure the Police are aware of each and every crime.

*By Scott Feldman*

## Police Dept. Offers Citizens' Academy Program

The Citizens' Academy is designed to inform and teach interested citizens the various aspects of municipal policing. All classes are taught by police personnel from different areas of the Police Department. Applications for the July session are currently being accepted. To participate, you must be at least 15 years old, live and work in San Francisco, have no felony convictions, no misdemeanor convictions within the last year, and you must be a high school graduate or have a GED. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants. For more information and applications, call Officer Rose Melendez at 415-695-6913 or 415-695-6900.



### Getting Your Mail Late?

Past president Herb Smith has noted that mail is being delivered to the Park later and later. In fact, several times it has been delivered around 7:30 at night. Has this been happening to you a lot? Is this a problem for you? If so, drop a note to President Jonna Ramey, so she can get an idea of how widespread the problem is. She'll get in touch with the Post Office and find out what can be done. Contact Jonna at SMPIC, 2966 Diamond Street, Suite 121, San Francisco CA 94131.

## Benton Island Restoration Work Party

The Island Committee is planning its first work party for Saturday, July 11th at 9 a.m. and would like your help. Benton Island needs some simple upgrades to its sprinklers, chips laid around the bases of all the trees, weeding, shrub planting and a few patches of turf leveled out and re-seeded. While the City cannot do the work, they will provide some assistance for our work party, including knowledgeable supervision and taking away our gardening debris. "The work will be a breeze if we can get 15-20 volunteers," said Island committee chair Erik Poole. So, bring your gloves, weeding tools, and enthusiasm to Benton Island on Saturday July 11th. Food will be served to the workers! For more information or to sign up, contact Erik at 333-3252.

## Sign Up for June 27th Garage Sale NOW!

*by Danna Peterson*

If you're interested in participating in this year's St. Mary's Park Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale, be sure to sign up by June 21st. Garage sales can be a lot of fun and give us all a chance to clean out our houses and "recycle" those items that have been sitting around unused.

I asked our resident garage and estate sale experts, Neil Rhoads and Scott Feldman, for a few ideas about the types of items that sell well. According to Scott, garden ornaments such as cement figurines, statuary, pots, benches or wrought iron furniture are very popular. Other items include colored glass, decorative pottery from the 1920-1960's, kitchen items including old fashioned utensils, rolling pins, etc.. Neil says old linens are hot items, such things as older embroidered dish towels, chenille bedspreads, table cloths, etc. Other coveted items often found at garage sales are old furniture (sometimes the rustier and rattier the better), quilts, tools, old fashioned Christmas ornaments and household hardware such as glass door knobs, drawer pulls, etc..

Items that tend to not sell include baskets, artificial flowers, Tupperware, and newer items such as telephones, answering machines, yogurt makers, etc.. So, take a look around your house and see if there's stuff you want to get rid of. It's a great way to spend a Saturday and earn some extra cash. To participate in the June 27th sale, contact Bill Fossett at 334-7133. The cost is \$10 which covers all classified advertising, signs, and printed maps of participating households.

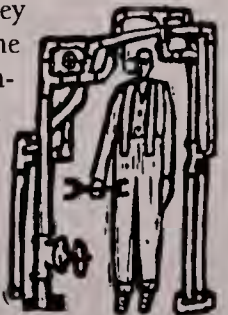
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**Fortunato Cement:** 826-5413. Sam says they did an excellent job on his driveway and to see for yourself, come check it out at 260 College!





## ISLAND COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Erik Poole and Danna Peterson

As many of you may know, the seven islands in St. Mary's Park require constant maintenance which has historically been the responsibility of the residents who live in neighborhood. In the past we've heard grumbling from some residents who feel that the City should maintain the islands and that we should not be spending Club dues to maintain City property. So, the island committee investigated this issue to clarify the maintenance responsibility once and for all.

At a recent meeting of the Island Committee, we invited Chris Montgomery, the Supervisor of Street and Environmental Services. Ms. Montgomery had researched the St. Mary's Park islands and told us that the islands belong to the neighborhood of St. Mary's Park. Technically, the City does not own the islands and has never taken responsibility for maintaining them. The islands in our neighborhood are the asset and responsibility of all the St. Mary's Park residents.



This was further confirmed in a recently released DPW final report on the quality of life meeting entitled "Bernal Heights and Glen Park Neighborhood Forum." In the report it states, "the landscaped islands, located within the St. Mary's area, have historically been maintained by the neighborhood. DPW worked with neighborhood volunteers in the past and will continue to do so. For example, we recently removed trash and debris from the islands and we are responsible for providing water to irrigate the landscaping." The report further states, "DPW's Bureau of Street Environmental Services inspected these islands and found that their maintenance is not within the City's responsibility. DPW, however, offered assistance and is working with the SMPIC on improvements."

Ms. Montgomery has walked each of the islands with

members of the Island Committee and made specific recommendations for improved maintenance on the islands. She also pointed out that there are over one hundred orphaned islands in San Francisco and that the Department is lucky if they can get to these islands once a year for trash pick up.

Who maintains the islands? Currently, maintenance of the islands is done by Park residents. Many voluntarily weed and care for plantings. Mowing and edging of the lawns on the islands has been done for the last several years by Park residents Jeff and Brenden Milla. SMPIC owns and keeps the lawn mower in repair, and the City pays for the water we use to keep the islands growing.

Who pays for the island maintenance? We do! By far, the largest percentage of your SMPIC dues goes to island maintenance and this is why it is so important that we keep the Club active and encourage all residents to pay, what have always been, voluntary club dues.

In the coming months, the SMPIC Island Committee will be organizing revitalization projects for our neighborhood islands and looking at ways to get everyone involved in maintaining and improving our islands. The Island Committee is also considering soliciting extra donations to help make these improvements.

The islands of St. Mary's Park provide greenery and open space, a commodity that is greatly coveted in urban environments. They add to the beauty and safety of our neighborhood and enhance everyone's property values, not just those living adjacent to an island. We ask that all of you support us in our efforts to improve the appearance of our neighborhood by upgrading our islands. Watch for your chance to learn more and lend a hand in assuring that St. Mary's Park will remain "The Belle of San Francisco."

### New Committee to Tackle Park Improvements

Many members of the Club have talked about getting involved with the Recreation & Parks Department to see that our local facility is maintained and improved. Now, we all have an opportunity to get involved and take action! We're forming a Park Liaison committee to create a set of priorities and see that they get accomplished. Formed by Louisa Fossett, Bea Domingo and Jonna Ramey, the committee has had one preliminary meeting. Our next meeting will include a "Walk About" in St. Mary's Park. We'll meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday June 13th at the children's play area near the Justin and Benton entrance to the Park. We'll walk around the park, note needed changes and upgrades and begin our strategy. Please come. Children welcome. For more information, contact Louisa Fossett at 334-7133.

#### CLASSIFIED

HELP! We are a stable, responsible family whose Genebern rental house is on the market, and we don't want to leave this wonderful neighborhood. If you know of a reasonable rental in St. Mary's Park, please call Katie or Brian at 437-7720.



### SUNSHINE CORNER

By Armando Pulido

#### Welcome...

The SMPIC welcomes our newest neighbor at 125 Murray Street into the neighborhood. We're looking forward to meeting you at our next meeting.

#### In Memoriam...

Fay Belmonte recently passed away. Fay is survived by her husband, David. The Belmonte's have been long time Park residents. Our deepest sympathy is extended.

Margaret Ruiz also recently passed away. "Marge" was the loving mother of David and a long time Park resident(47 years), as well as a great friend and neighbor. She will be greatly missed by all.

#### Thanks...

The family of Jack Cook would like to thank their St. Mary's Park neighbors for all their kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of their loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.

(Please call Armando @ 239-4221 with other neighborhood news)